

REMARKS

In the subject Office Action the Examiner discussed the election of species and acknowledged that Claims 1-4 were generic to the different species. He noted that six of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement had not been considered because they were in foreign languages (German and French) and no translations had been provided. He rejected Claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, for several occurrences of unclear language in the claims and also noted two wording errors in the Specification. Finally, he rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by British patent GB 1,122,515 (Daimler-Benz) but noted that Claims 2-8 would be allowable if amended to contain the limitations of Claim 1 in addition to those of Claim 2 regarding the presence of a bell crank.

Applicant submits that the amendments and remarks herein avoid and/or traverse all grounds of rejection.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith, with copies of the six foreign references and translations in English of either the Abstract of the references, or, for those references without Abstracts, then Claim 1 of the reference. It is submitted that these translations, while not done by professional translators, are sufficiently informative to convey the correct technical concept of each reference, such that they are now in condition for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant also submits, however, that the references will be seen not to anticipate or make obvious any of the claims of the application.

The wording of the two paragraphs on page 6 of the Specification referred to by the Examiner have been corrected. The § 112, ¶ 2 rejection of the language in the various claims has been avoided as part of the substantial amendment of those claims.

The § 102(b) rejection of Claim 1 over the British reference has been avoided by amendment of Claim 1 to incorporated the limitations of Claim 2 (with cancellation of Claim 2), thereby placing all Claims 1, and 3-7 (Claim 8 also having been cancelled) in condition for allowance, and indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Amended Claim 1 now being allowable, and as former Claim 2 having been

acknowledged to the generic by the Examiner, Applicant has herein also recalled Claims 9-20 as being directed to species within the scope of the generic amended Claim 1.

Applicant has also amended most of Claims the present claims to clarify their language, as well as eliminating the independent status of Claim 13 and making it dependent from amended Claim 1. All Claims 2-7 and 9-20 are now dependent from Claim 1, and in view of that claim being both generic and allowable, it follows that Claims 2-7 and 9-20 are also properly in the application and also allowable in this application. By amendment of Claim 13 to make it (and those that follow it) dependent from Claim 1 constitutes acknowledgment by Applicant that the art cited and examined against Claims 1-8 is also applicable to Claims 9-20. However, since amended Claim 1 has been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable over the cited art, it follows that the recalled Claims 9-20 are also allowable over that art.

Cancellation of the withdrawal of Claims 9-20 from consideration, as being to non-examined species, and restatement of Claims 9-20 is therefore requested.

FEES

It is not believed that any fees are due with respect to the amendment of the claims herein. However, should any such fees be due, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge all such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1990.

CONCLUSION

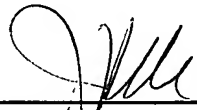
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all grounds of rejection and objection have been avoided and/or traversed. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter the amendments herein, reinstate the non-examined claims, reconsider and withdraw the rejections and objections and allow Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-20, as amended, all claims in the case following amendment.

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Should the Examiner believe that prosecution of this application might be expedited by further discussion of the issues, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney, collect, at the telephone number listed below, is cordially invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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